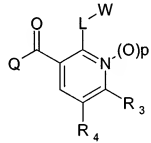
**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula IA

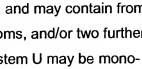



IA ,

wherein

L is either a direct bond, an -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, $-N(R_{5a})-$, $-SO_2N(R_{5b})-$, $-N(R_{5b})SO_2-$, $-C(O)N(R_{5c})-$ or $-N(R_{5c})C(O)-$ bridge, or a $C_1$-$C_4$alkylene, $C_2$-$C_4$alkenylene or $C_2$-$C_4$alkynylene chain which may be mono- or poly-substituted by $R_5$ and/or interrupted once or twice by an -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, $-N(R_{5d})-$, $-SO_2N(R_{5e})-$, $-N(R_{5e})SO_2-$, $-C(O)N(R_{5f})-$ and/or $-N(R_{5f})C(O)-$ bridge, and when two such bridges are present those bridges are separated at least by one carbon atom, and W is bonded to L by way of a carbon atom or a $-N(R_{5e})SO_2-$ or $-N(R_{5f})C(O)-$ bridge when the bridge L is bonded to the nitrogen atom of W;

W is a 4- to 7-membered, saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring system U




(U),

which contains a ring element $U_1$, and may contain from one to four further ring nitrogen atoms, and/or two further ring oxygen atoms, and/or two further ring sulfur atoms and/or one or two further ring elements $U_2$, and the ring system U may be mono- or poly-substituted at a saturated or unsaturated ring carbon atom and/or at a ring nitrogen atom by a group $R_8$, and two substituents $R_8$ together are a further fused-on or spirocyclic 3- to 7-membered ring system which may be

unsaturated, partially saturated or fully saturated and may in turn be substituted by one or more groups $R_{8a}$ and/or interrupted once or twice by a ring element -O-, -S-, -N($R_{8b}$)- and/or –C(=O)-; and $U_1$ and $U_2$ are each independently of the other(s) -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -C(=$NR_6$)-, -(N=O)-, -S(=O)- or -$SO_2$-;

$R_3$ is $C_{1-3}$haloalkyl;

$R_4$ is hydrogen, methyl, chlorine or trifluoromethyl;

$R_5$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_3$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_3$alkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl or $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy;

$R_{5a}$, $R_{5b}$ and $R_{5e}$ are independently hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynyl or $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl;

$R_{5d}$ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynyl, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, benzyl, cyano, formyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylcarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, it being possible for the phenyl-containing groups to be substituted by $R_7$;

$R_{5c}$ and $R_{5f}$ are each independently of the other hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl;

$R_6$ is $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy, cyano or nitro;

$R_7$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

each $R_8$ independently is hydrogen, halogen, $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl, $C_2$-$C_6$alkenyl, $C_2$-$C_6$alkynyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkoxy, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenyloxy, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynyloxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, mercapto, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulfonyloxy, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkylsulfonyloxy, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenylthio, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynylthio, amino, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylamino, di($C_1$-$C_6$alkyl)amino, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, formyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylcarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylthiocarbonyl, carboxy, cyano, carbamoyl, phenyl, benzyl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl, it being possible for the phenyl, benzyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl groups to be mono- or poly-substituted by $R_{7a}$;

each $R_{7a}$ independently is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

each $R_{8a}$ independently is halogen, $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl, $C_2$-$C_6$alkenyl, $C_2$-$C_6$alkynyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkoxy, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenyloxy, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynyloxy, mercapto, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylcarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, cyano or nitro;

$R_{8b}$ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_6$alkynyl, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl or benzyl, it being possible for the phenyl group to be substituted by $R_{7b}$;

$R_{7b}$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

p is 0 or 1;

r is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6;

with the provisos that

a) $R_8$ and $R_{8a}$ as halogen or hydrogenmercapto cannot be bonded to a nitrogen atom,

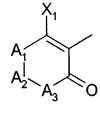
b) $U_1$ as -C(=O)- or -C(=S)- does not form a tautomeric form with a substituent $R_8$ as hydrogen when the radical W is bonded to the pyridyl group by way of a $C_1$-$C_4$alkylene, $C_2$-$C_4$alkenylene or $C_2$-$C_4$alkynylene chain L that is interrupted by -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2$-, $-N(R_{5d})$-, $-SO_2N(R_{5e})$- or $-N(R_{5e})SO_2$-,

c) $U_1$ as -C(=S)- does not form a tautomeric form with a substituent $R_8$ as hydrogen when the radical W is bonded to the pyridyl group by way of a –CH=CH- or -C≡C- bridge L or by way of a $C_1$-$C_4$alkylene chain L that is interrupted by -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2$- or $-N(C_1$-$C_4$alkyl)-,

d) $U_1$ as -C(=S)- or $-C(=NR_6)$- wherein $R_6$ is $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl or $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy does not form a tautomeric form with a substituent $R_8$ as hydrogen when the radical W is bonded to the pyridyl group directly or by way of a $C_1$-$C_4$alkylene chain L;

either

Q is a group $Q_1$



($Q_1$),

wherein

$A_1$ is $C(R_{11}R_{12})$ or $NR_{13}$;

$A_2$ is $C(R_{14}R_{15})_m$, C(O), oxygen, $NR_{16}$ or $S(O)_q$;

$A_3$ is $C(R_{17}R_{18})$ or $NR_{19}$;

with the proviso that $A_2$ is other than $S(O)_q$ when $A_1$ is $NR_{13}$ and/or $A_3$ is $NR_{19}$;

$X_1$ is hydroxy, $O^-M^+$, wherein $M^+$ is a metal cation or an ammonium cation; halogen or $S(O)_nR_9$,

wherein

m is 1 or 2;

q, n and k are each independently of the others 0, 1 or 2;

$R_9$ is $C_1$-$C_{12}$alkyl, $C_2$-$C_{12}$alkenyl, $C_2$-$C_{12}$alkynyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$allenyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$cycloalkyl, $C_5$-$C_{12}$cycloalkenyl, $R_{10}$-$C_1$-$C_{12}$alkylene or $R_{10}$-$C_2$-$C_{12}$alkenylene, wherein the alkylene or alkenylene chain may be

interrupted by -O-, -S(O)$_k$- and/or -C(O)- and/or mono- to penta-substituted by $R_{20}$; or phenyl, which may be mono- to penta-substituted by $R_{7c}$;

$R_{7c}$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

$R_{10}$ is halogen, cyano, rhodano, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy, $C_2$-$C_6$alkenyloxy, $C_2$-$C_6$alkynyloxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyl, $C_2$-$C_6$alkenylthio, $C_2$-$C_6$alkynylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyloxy, phenylsulfonyloxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy-carbonyloxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylcarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, benzoyl, aminocarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl-aminocarbonyl, $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl, phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylsulfinyl or phenylsulfonyl; it being possible for the phenyl-containing groups in turn to be substituted by $R_{7d}$;

$R_{7d}$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

$R_{20}$ is hydroxy, halogen, $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyl, cyano, carbamoyl, carboxy, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl; it being possible for phenyl to be substituted by $R_{7e}$;

$R_{7e}$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

$R_{11}$ and $R_{17}$ are each independently of the other hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl, $C_2$-$C_4$alkenyl, $C_2$-$C_4$alkynyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy, $C_3$-$C_4$alkenyloxy, $C_3$-$C_4$alkynyloxy, hydroxy-$C_1$-$C_4$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyloxy-$C_1$-$C_4$alkyl, halogen, cyano or nitro;

or, when $A_2$ is $C(R_{14}R_{15})_m$, $R_{17}$ together with $R_{11}$ forms a direct bond or a $C_1$-$C_3$alkylene bridge;

$R_{12}$ and $R_{18}$ are each independently of the other hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfinyl or $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyl;

or $R_{12}$ together with $R_{11}$, and/or $R_{18}$ together with $R_{17}$ form a $C_2$-$C_5$alkylene chain which may be interrupted by -O-, -C(O)-, -O- and -C(O)- or -S(O)$_r$-;

$R_{13}$ and $R_{19}$ are each independently of the other hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_4$alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_4$alkynyl or $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy;

$R_{14}$ is hydrogen, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$hydroxyalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylcarbonyloxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyloxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, tosyloxy-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, di($C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy)-$C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_3$-$C_5$-oxacycloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_5$thiacycloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_4$dioxacycloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_4$dithiacycloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_4$oxathiacycloalkyl, formyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxyiminomethyl, carbamoyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylaminocarbonyl or di-($C_1$-$C_4$alkyl)aminocarbonyl;

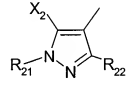
or $R_{14}$ together with $R_{11}$, $R_{12}$, $R_{13}$, $R_{15}$, $R_{17}$, $R_{18}$ or $R_{19}$ or, when m is 2, also together with $R_{14}$ forms a direct bond or a $C_1$-$C_4$alkylene bridge;

$R_{15}$ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl or $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl;

$R_{16}$ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkylcarbonyl or N,N-di($C_1$-$C_4$alkyl)aminocarbonyl;

or

Q is a group $Q_2$


($Q_2$),

wherein

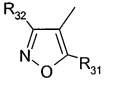
$R_{21}$ and $R_{22}$ are hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_4$alkyl;

$X_2$ is hydroxy, $O^-M^+$, wherein $M^+$ is an alkali metal cation or ammonium cation; halogen, $C_1$-$C_{12}$alkylsulfonyloxy, $C_1$-$C_{12}$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_{12}$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_{12}$alkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_{12}$haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_{12}$haloalkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_{12}$haloalkylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_6$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_6$alkylsulfonyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkenylthio, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkenylsulfinyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkenylsulfonyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkynylthio, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkynylsulfinyl, $C_3$-$C_{12}$alkynylsulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl-$C_1$-$C_4$alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl-$C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl-$C_1$-$C_4$alkylsulfonyl, benzyloxy or phenylcarbonylmethoxy; it being possible for the phenyl-containing groups to be substituted by $R_{7f}$;

$R_{7f}$ is halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkyl, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$haloalkoxy, cyano or nitro;

or

Q is a group $Q_3$


($Q_3$),

wherein

$R_{31}$ is $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl or halo-substituted $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl;

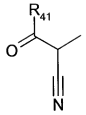
$R_{32}$ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy or a group $S(O)_sR_{33}$;

$R_{33}$ is $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl or $C_1$-$C_3$alkylene, which may be substituted by halogen, $C_1$-$C_3$alkoxy, $C_2$-$C_3$alkenyl or by $C_2$-$C_3$alkynyl; and

s is 0, 1 or 2;

or

Q is a group $Q_4$



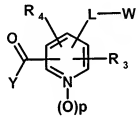
(Q4),

wherein

$R_{41}$ is $C_1$-$C_6$alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl or halo-substituted $C_3$-$C_6$cycloalkyl;

or an agrochemically acceptable salt or any stereoisomer or tautomer of a compound of formula IA.

7. (New) A compound of formula II



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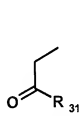
wherein Y is chlorine, cyano, hydroxy, $C_1$-$C_4$alkoxy, benzyloxy, phenoxy, allyloxy, a group



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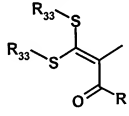

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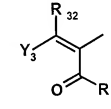

(Yc),

or a group $Q_0$, wherein $Q_0$ is accordingly a group Q linked to oxygen and Q, L, $U_1$, $R_1$, $R_2$, $R_3$, $R_4$, $R_{31}$, $R_{32}$, $R_{33}$ and p are as defined for formula IA in claim 6.

8. (New) A herbicidal and plant-growth-inhibiting composition, which comprises a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula IA, according to claim 6 on an inert carrier.

9. (New) A method of controlling undesired plant growth, which comprises applying a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula IA, according to claim 6, or of a composition comprising such a compound, to the plants or to the locus thereof.

10. (New) A method of inhibiting plant growth, which comprises applying a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula IA, according to claim 6, or of a composition comprising such a compound, to the plants or to the locus thereof.